Irrigated land in the country

4290. SHRIMATILALSARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of irrigated land in the country and in each State and Union Territory;

(b) the quantity of land that has come under irrigation in the country and in each State and union territory during the period from April, 2004 to 31 December, 2007; and

(c) the programme of the Government to extend irrigation during 2008-09 in the country and in the North-Eastern States in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Out of the estimated ultimate irrigation potential of 139.9 million hectare, the irrigation potentiaj of 102.7 million hectare has been reported to be created by various State Governments upto March 2007 which also account for irrigation more than once in a year on the same land. State-wise detail of the total irrigation potential created is given in the Statement *{See* below). The information about irrigation potential created upto December, 2007 is not available.

Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments as per their own priority. However, Government of India provides Central assistance to the State Governments for completion of on-going irrigation projects under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) including the North-Eastern States. From 1999-2000, the scope of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme was extended to include Minor Irrigation (MI) schemes for special category states which *inter-alia* include North-Eastern States. The overall target for creation of irrigation potential during Eleventh Plan (2007-12) is 16 million hectare.

Statement

The State-wise details of total Irrigation Potential Created (IPC) upto March 2007

(in thousand hectare)

State	IPC
Andhra Pradesh	6864.64
Arunachal Pradesh	119.08
Assam	948.38
Bihar	7717.78
Chhattisgarh	2503.61
Goa	62.16
Gujarat	4241.92
Haryana	3829.03
Himachal Pradesh	186.54
Jammu & Kashmir	1794.64
Jharkhand	1057.86
Karnataka	2807.61
Kerala	3388.60

State	IPC
Madhya Pradesh	2052.52
Maharashtra	6799.75
Manipur	197.24
Meghalaya	61.76
Mizoram	18.08
Nagaland	94.17
Orissa	3626.67
Punjab	6034.75
Rajasthan	5358.25
Sikkim	33.43
Tamil Nadu	3695.54
Tripura	158.68
Uttarakhand	806.19
Uttar Pradesh	32357.78
West Bengal	5823.46
Union Territories	57.41

Projects under AIBP in Maharashtra

4291. SHR1MATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has urged the Central Government for enhancing ceiling limit of Central assistance for projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for the year 2007-08;

(b) whether the State Government has received Rs. 558 crore Central Loan Assistance in 2005-06 and Rs. 700 crore in 2006-07;

(c) whether under AIBP ceiling limit of Rs. 1100 crore fixed by the Planning Commission for the financial year 2007-08 is inadequate;

(d) whether the State Government has urged the Planning Commission and the Ministry for enhancing the ceiling limit upto Rs. 1600 crore; and

(e) if so, to what extent Government has agreed for this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Maharashtra Government has requested for enhancement of AIBP ceiling up to Rs. 1600 crore for the year 2007-08.

(b) Grant assistance amounting to Rs. 167.3822 crore during 2005-06 and Rs. 465.5213 crore during 2006-07 has been released to the Government of Maharashtra under AIBP.

(c) to (e) The Planning Commission had enhanced the ceiling limit under AIBP for Maharashtra from Rs. 350 crore to Rs. 1100 crore during the year 2007-08. For the AIBP proposals of Maharashtra State for the year 2007-08 recommended by the Ministry of Water Resources, grant amounting of Rs. 737.45 crore has been released during 2007-08 and balance amount of Rs. 453.98 crore has been released on 10th April, 2008.